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21 FRESHMEN ENTER HAMILTON

With the beginning of the February term, twenty-one new men entered Hamilton College. The majority of freshmen come from the state of New York, with Ohio, New Jersey and Massachussetts also represented. An excellent array of talent is displayed in the fields of sports, journalism, and music by the Class of '49.

In the South end of the dorm, five of the new men have found their living quarters. On the bottom floor are Dan Swartz and Brud Tarsches. Dan comes from Newark, New Jersey, where he attended Weequakee High School. Besides the honor of being salutatorian of his class, Dan was active in the High School Student Council, basketball, and track. From Binghamton comes Ellis Tarsches, commonly known as Brud. Attending Binghamton Central, he gained honor in his work as editor of the School newspaper and for active participation in the field of Fine Arts. Also in the South end live Don Jacobsen, Chuck Lewis, and Bob Peacock. Don is another representative from Flatbush, where he attended Boys High School. Graduating in two and a half years, he attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute for one term before coming to the Hill. While in high school, Don was a member of the school honor society and class representative in various fields. Chuck Lewis, the "boogie-woogie" boy from Mohawk, N. Y., was active in track, dramatics, journalism, and the school honor society. The last of the three stalwarts from room nine, Bob Peacock, invariably can be seen playing chess in the lounge. Bob participated in sports at Kenmore High School, being on the varsity swimming squad for three years and the track team one year.

On the other side of the dorm the remaining freshmen room. The owner of that trumpet heard at ten o'clock every morning is Fred Kuhner, whose home is in Worcester, Mass. Attending Worcester Academy, Fred played in the school dance band and often with Bob Pooley and his orchestra over N. B. C. Fred's roommate, Al Davis, was vice-president of the senior class in Warsaw High School. Al played baseball and basketball in school and earned a letter in track. Across the hall is Bud Sherman from Oriskany, along with Earl Dedell and Tony Simonetti of Whitesboro and Utica respectively. Bud was president of his freshman, sophomore, and Junior class, as well as president of the student council in his last year at Oriskany High School. Active in sports, he was a four letter man and took part in the school chorus band and orchestra. From Proctor High School in Utica, Tony Simonetti gained acclaim for his work in J.V. Basketball, senior choir and the school honor society. Earl Dedell, whose brother was a former graduate and math professor at Hamilton, attended Whitesboro Central and was a member of the State Guard before becoming a member of the class of '49.

Bob Moore and Ed Mills of room 20 attended Union Endicott High School. Ed was a member of the Acapella Choir which gained first place in a state contest. Bob was a member of the varsity track and football squads in addition to playing in the band. His father, a Hamilton alumnus, is a Phi Beta Kappa man and won the Elihu Root Scholarship while a member of the student body. Ohio is represented by Frank Fry, who attended Akron West High School before coming to college. Frank was varsity tackle on the football squad, sports editor of the school newspaper, and co-editor of the school year book. Frank rooms with Furbeck Cole of Utica and Tom Maccabe from Brooklyn. Tom was valedictorian of the senior class at Boy's High School and a member of the school honor society.

The freshmen representatives in the fourth floor of South Dorm are Art Schreier and Harold Saben, of New York City. Attending Stuyvesant High School, both fellows were members of the school honor society and took a great interest in journalism.

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL TO DRAW UP CHARTER

Although constant bickering and argumentation as to the method of election, representation, and membership had taken its customary toll of time and effort, the student body might well be proud of its final selection of the Student Council for the 1945 winter-spring semester. The group of President Kal Synakowski, Tony Kuolt, Lou Griffey, Pete Ostroff, and Torrey Dodson, elected by the student body the first two Mondays of the current semester, is comprised of capable, well-liked, efficient fellows whom we can count upon to give us a good student government.

The Council has a vast number of ideas designed for the improvement of the college. It must be realized, however, that many obstacles, including financial deficiency, must be tackled before actual results can be accomplished. Although the Council has a small amount of funds on hand, it seems highly improble that the College will be able to grant an appropriation as it did last semester.

The main purpose of the Council is to restore to Hamilton College the social, athletic, and extra-curricular activities which can revert the college as quickly as possible to lively, enjoyable, peacetime status. There are members on the body who knew the Hamilton of yore and who have the ideas that can put some life into the school. The fulfillment of some of these ideas truly will be difficult during this term, but we can be assured that if the Council secures the cooperation from the student body that it deserves, it will do everything in its power to make Hamilton more enjoyable for one and all.

There was a meeting between the newly-elected members of the Student Council, Presiden Rudd, and Dean Blyth immediately following the elections Monday night. The powers of the Council, propositions for the improvement of the college this semester, and the difficult financial situation among others were discussed at this meeting. The first meeting of the Student Council has been called for this evening with subsequent meetings to be held at least onee-weekly thereafter.

The subject up for immediate action is the drawing up of the Charter for the Student Council of Hamilton College. This charter, which will be submitted to the student body for two-thirds approval before adoption, will finally settle the representation problem.

Representation has been argued bitterly, almost continuously, especially during the abnormal, wartime period. We can hope that the new charter will settle this question once and for all. The present Council includes three men representing 13 upperclassmen, one man representing 14 July Freshmen, nobody representing 15 October freshmen, and one man representing 21 February freshmen. Projects to be worked on immediately and to be sponsored by the Council are informal dances, a ping-pong tournament, and musical organizations if enough enthusiasm is shown.

We have selected a Council that we think capable of running our school. These men are perfectly willing to do their best for us. Any suggestions about anything whatsoever will be welcomed by any member.

HONOR COURT ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

The honor court, formal upholders of Hamilton's honor system, held elections at the general student meeting, Monday evening, February 12, to fill the gaps left by members now in the armed forces. Clyde T. Simpson, '46, chairman, conducted the elections. The present members, John R. Douglass, '46, and Gordon A. McLeod, '48, were joined by two new colleagues: George Waldo, '48, and James Castleberry, '49.

NOTICE

Mr. William Pritchard, college photographer, has recently changed his exhibition of Adirondack photographs, which are on display in the cases outside the browsing room in the Library, to scenes taken around the campus and new Adirondack scenes.

ADMINISTRATION NOTES

FACULTY URGES STUDENT CONFERENCES

For the first time since February, 1943, the faculty are now able to devote their entire attention to the civilian students at Hamilton. They are happy to be able to give assignments with some hope of their being worked on. Attending the first all-civilian college in two years are sixty-three students. The faculty urges the students to ask for conferences before it is necessary to do so. Wednesday night, February 14, the faculty is inviting the new freshmen to their exclusive coffee hour for an informal get-together. Sometime in the future, the upperclassmen will again meet their old friends at a reunion.

The army sent men here in February, 1943, the last army man left the campus on December 30, 1944. The premeteorologists, the first arrivals, were followed by pre-dents, A.S.T.P., A-12, and Pre Med groups. The largest number of Army men here reached about 640 during the spring term of 1944. Since that time they speedily reduced their numbers until they packed up and left us. We are sorry to see them go, but glad to return to a semi-normal college life.

Mr. David Beetle is back at his former job of reporting. He is in Albany and seems to be enjoying his temporary leave from the Hill.

Mr. Wallace Johnson decided to spend a part of his vacation on an inspection tour of our country during war-time. He should be full of many more stories when he returns.

Mr. Edward Hauch is absorbing some of the warm Florida sunshine.

Mr. Mark Randall is working at the General Cable Company in Rome. He is also trying to organize a swimming program in Utica.

Mr. Robert Rudd has just returned from a three months vacation.

Mr. Richard Sutherland will be coming to Hamilton from Minnesota when he returns in March.

Mr. Frank Verwiebe is doing reasearch work for the Navy at Harvard.

ON A SMALL SCALE
by Robert G. Johnson

Perhaps substitutes are not always as good as originals, but when Morton Gould began pinch-hitting for Major Bowes last Thursday evening, the quality of entertainment on the 9 P.M. spot was definitely improved. On the new show the listener hears the fascinating arrangements of Morton Gould, rather than the washboard beating of some untalented amateur. Of course the fabulous Major Bowes will return to the air in a few weeks after he recovers from his illness, but before his return, be sure to tune in on the Morton Gould Show.

Believe it or not, Tommy Dorsey is playing with Stokowski and the N. Y. City Symphony this week. And last month, Lawrence Tibbett replaced Frank Sinatra on the LS-MFT Hit Parade. We expect that any week Tibbett will be replaced by Bing Crosby or Dick Haymes in the Met.

Attention, music lovers: The Rochester Philharmonic will play at the Stanley Theatre in Utica March 12, with Sir Thomas Beecham as guest conductor. Here's your chance to hear the orchestra which recently recorded for Victor such famous works as Dvorak's Fifth Symphony and Gould's Latin-American Symphonette. And Beecham ranks high among the world's great conductors. Get information and tickets at the Stanley.

Also at the Stanley on February 19 at 8:30 the Manhattan Grand Opera Company will present Faust, with Dorothy Kirsten as the lead.

This column is something new for Hamiltonews. If you like it and want it to continue, tell the editor or some member of the staff. If you would rather see a column on a subject other than music, let's hear your suggestions. This is your paper.

HAMILTONEWS asks its readers for contributions. A contributions box will be posted in Commons, where letters or other items may be deposited. Please sign all articles. We will withold names on request.

CAMPUS CASUALS

by ALEX & SAM

Now that FDR has been inaugurated and all, we feel confident that Gross will admit defeat soon. But what ever happened to Landon, Bob?

Yes, we're back in the swing again, struggling along without the "Swell Fellows". But remember the international celebrities who studied here last summer? We had Heinz Weigelmesser from Germany, Jeff Aronin from England, and Frank Kantor from hunger.

Yes -- the Student Council is actually doing something about the furniture situation, and other problems, this term. We Campus Casualers had the impression that the main purpose of a student council, here or anywhere, was to get its members in the limelight. This semester it's one pleasant surprise after another! Keep it up, council. If A and S are behind you, you know that you're doing well or we're losing our insulting capacities.

Some witty philosopher once said that brevity is the soul of wit. And we use up a whole page each week trying to get a snicker out of you guys. But dat, as Mr. Durante might put it, is neither Peter, Allen, nor Ostroff.

For the newcomers who are wondering about Alex and Sam, let us say that those pseudonyms are not derived from any such names as Alexander Woollcott or Sammy Kaye. No, they come rather indirectly from the given names of Messrs. Hamilton and Kirkland, who were well known in Hamilton College's earlier days. Read your catalogs, you mugs!

We certainly don't want to say that Hamilton men are illiterates, but some of them show distinct signs of obliteracy. Witness the embryo hose fights of last week.

Right here and now we want to say Hello and Bravo to the ex-service men with us this term.

Umbriago, of Hubba-Hubba--on--the--Hudson, suggests that we would like to say goodbye to some of the others.

We wonder if Tyrone Power Jacobson ever found an owner for that key he so zootily swung the first night. And speaking of movie stars, we remember Errol Flynn (in more ways than one) Cohen and his dark glasses and scarf at supper one night. What's the matter, Osc, snow-blindness?

We hear Mr. Kuhner can play the trumpet. Why doesn't he do so, instead of teasing that elephant he must keep locked in his room?

The same as above applies to that fugitive from an African war dance, G. K--pa Mc Leod.

We have heard some disparaging remarks, by his fellow newcomers about Senator Mugwump Maccabe. But we want to defend him and report that he was one of the few interested in preserving the rights of you new men. How about that, Freshmen?

When you go to [redacted] (dis is a tuffy) the Back Room, you're supposed to ask for Al period But who wants Al comma besides Omsby period We want food period

Ed. note -- Explanations on request.

...ON MY MIND

by HOWARD L. JAMISON

When it was proposed that space be set aside regularly in the HAMILTONEWS for a columnu about "anything at all", there promptly arose a counter proposal. "Let's keep it a column that's connected with life on 'the Hill' was the suggestion. In offering that suggestion one of our students brought to light a most serious failing of the Hamilton undergraduate body and of college students generally.

It is to Hamilton's credit in many respects that "the Hill" is a community in itself. The isolation of "the Hill" is one of the very special attributes that distinguishes a Hamilton graduate from any other A. B.

But our isolation is also a liability. We are withdrawn in so great a degree that we become separated from both the great and the small activities of the non-collegiate world. We are not working in war plants; we are not scouring grocery stores in a search for foodstuffs that are not there; we are not car-pooling; we are not even suffering the minor discomforts of the brown-out. We hear about these things and read about them in our newspapers, but this is very different from experiencing them.

Because we are not sharing these experiences, it is almost inevitable that what occurs in the world beyond Bristol Road should become increasingly foreign to us and consequently increasingly uninteresting. So, more and more, we snuggle down in our comfortable collegiate lives; we become citizens of "the Hill".

But actually our common purpose in coming to Hamilton is to give our minds and characters food on which they may grow and mature; we are studying in order that we may be better citizens not merely of "the Hill", but citizens of the world. For it is to cure others that we are preparing to study medicine; it is to build for others that we tear our hair over math problems now.

So in studying, in withdrawing ourselves, as we must to study effectively, let us not become so ingrown that we lose sight of the far greater goal that lies beyond the baccalaureate degree. Let us make a conscious effort to keep in touch with the kinds of lives people are living who are not studying, lives that rest closer to the pulse of history than ours. Let's prepare ourselves for what lies in Vernon Center and for what lies in Berlin as well. Let's really know what is happening in our world.

It will be my purpose in writing this column to attempt to bring Hamilton some news of the world we are missing. Whether the column be about international politics, the theatre, or peanuts in plastics, its intention will always be to throw some light on things that we do not see from the crest of our hill.

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21 Freshmen... (Contd.)

Torrey Dodson, freshman delegate to the Student Council, spent six months in the A-12 program before coming to Hamilton. He is awaiting his discharge papers which are due at any time. His roommate Dick Crossley from Binghamton attended Cornell prior to entering the armed forces. Spending one year in the Army, Dick was medically discharged and entered Hamilton. Two other men received discharges from the armed services and entered the college life here. Dick Carmer of Larchmont, N. Y., spent two years in the Mountain Infantry before coming to the Hill. Jim Castleberry spent eight years in the United States Navy and saw 22 months of overseas duty before his discharge.

NEW QUINTET ORGANIZED

Eighteen men answered Coach Mox Weber's call for basketball candidates on February 6. Bert Natelson, Paul Langa, and Oscar "Boxcars" Cohen are the leading contenders of the "old guard", and Torrey Dodson, Bob Moore, Hal Sherman, and Dan Swartz are some of the brighter lights of the new freshmen.

The sensational shooting of Dodson and Natelson have sparked the few practices that have been held, while Sherman's and Moore's ball handling in the back court, plus their fine set shots, have highlighted the game. "Boxcars" prowess as a ball hawk under the boards will be of great help to this "Informal Five". One of the unusual things about this team is the fact that the two "bucket" men, Paul Langa and Frank Wright, are left handed.

Lou Griffey's floor game is improving rapidly, as is the basket play of Charles "Hands" Leonhardt, Frank Fry, and Ed Mills. Other potential candidates for berths on the team are Chuck Lewis, Don Jacobson, Val Scalise, Pete Smith, Bob Slentz, and Merv Geffen.

It is hoped that when the team finds itself and settles down to playing a hard, aggressive brand of ball some games might be scheduled with teams in the vicinity. Hindered by a late start, the team is looking forward to a short, but active season.

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U. F. A., NEW HARTFORD WIN HAMILTON SWIM MEET

The fourth meet of the Hamilton College Interscholastic Swimming League was held Thursday, February 8. in the college pool. In the first meet, U. F. A. defeated Proctor High School 38-19, and New Hartford took the second meet with a score of 45-11 over Sherrill. In the first event of the evening, Proctor High's Al Leblang set a new regional record as he won the fifty yard freestyle race in 0:27.3. Shortly thereafter Sterling Jones of U. F. A. continued on his record breaking spree when he broke his own record of 1:05.2 with a 1:03.9 rendition of the 100 yard freestyle race. In doing this he managed to finish a lap ahead of the second man.

The standings in the league are now:

Team	W	L	Pct.
U. F. A.	3	0	1.000
New Hartford	2	0	1.000
R. F. A.	1	1	.500
Proctor	0	2	.000
Sherrill	0	3	.000

This Thursday evening, February 15, New Hartford will swim against Rome Free Academy, and Sherrill will attempt to defeat Proctor.

CLASSMATES IN THE WAR

BOB GENS ('48): At the end of last term Bob, known in Public Speaking 1 as "Handsone", went home, intending to come back again this month. But while on his vacation he decided to enlist in the Merchant Marine rather than wait to be drafted. He hated to leave Hamilton and all his friends up here, but to prevent being called out in the middle of a semester, he decided not to wait. Lots of luck, Bob; we all miss you, for we're losing a grand guy who's sure to be popular and successful wherever he goes. We all hope to see you back with us soon.

HEINZ (WIEGEL) WIEGELMESSER ('48) left home February 5 and is taking his basic training with the Infantry. He has put in an application for the Intelligence Corps, but he will probably have to wait until he has finished his basic training before anything happens.

BERT PORTIN ('48) will leave for the Navy soon. It's nice to hear that he's going to Navy Radar School in Chicago because that's what he wanted. He hopes to drop in here on his way there.

WALT (BUD, PUNCHY) HAGGERTY ('48) left for camp February 1. I have not heard which camp, but we can be sure he'll make a hit there, as he did here.

BOB NEISWANGER ('48) is still waiting at his home in Muncie, Indiana, to be called.

HARV (SLEEPY) WILLIAMSON ('48), who has been in the Marine Reserve for a long time now, is still waiting at home to be called into active service. In the meantime, he is working in a war plant.

DICK BURNS ('48) is still in Clinton where he was seen by some of the fellows recently. He expects to leave for the Merchant Marine Academy soon.

DON BIRKBY ('48) was ill at Banbridge Naval Training Station when last heard from. He left for boot training January 8.

JOHN (HABIB) HOBIKA ('48) is in the Navy now. He left for Sampson Naval Base January 18.

FRANK (ARE YOU READY) KANTOR ('48) is likewise in the Navy.

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There are many more fellows in the service, but nothing has been heard about them. Those of you who hear from these fellows should let us know where and how they are.

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21 FRESHMEN

Twenty-one freshmen have now joined the small group who call themselves Hamiltonians. These men are the first of the new type of college student. They have come to school under trying circumstances when our futures are uncertain. Many of the twenty-one are not yet draft-age. These men want to assimilate everything the college has to offer. They want to taste college life so they will have something to return to after the war. There are others who have been in the Army and Navy. These courageous Hamiltonians who have done their share in the war effort, are returning to prepare themselves for building the peace.

Hamilton can offer the twenty-one a comprehensive liberal arts background, a firm basis for medical or legal studies. But Hamilton cannot give them the extra-curricular activity or the gala times associated with a peace-time college. These extras, which mean so much to a college education, can be created only with the aid and spirit of the twenty-one new Hamiltonians

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JAKE

"Jacob J. Lang, 1212 Parker, died January 28, 1945, in a local hospital after a brief illness." To us at Hamilton, Jake was more than an address. He was a friend. We knew Jake only as the proprietor of the "P-X". But others before us had listened hourly to his tales and jokes while he worked at the Alpha Delta Phi house. Professors and students found Jake always willing to tell of Alsace-Lorraine, his birthplace. Soldiers found his houseparty tales welcome additions to their repetoire.

Jake made the "P-X" an institution. His friendly advice and natural humor entertained us for hours. There were times when we overdid our college spirit and Jake's "schwarze Luder" was enough of a reprimand to calm us down. Now Jake is gone. He was one of the ties between the peacetime and wartime Hamilton. To this friend of students and faculty alike we pay our deepest respects.

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